

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
FOR THE WEST ALLIS-WEST MILWAUKEE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD AGENDA**

Topic: Adoption of Neola Policy 5411 (New) Third Grade Promotion & Retention: At-Risk Students

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Date: May 12, 2025

Agenda Reference # 12.7

Recommended Action:

<u> X </u>	Action
<u> </u>	Presentation/Discussion
<u> </u>	Information Only
<u> </u>	Presentation/Action Next Meeting

Recommendation(s):

The Board of Education is asked to adopt Neola Policy 5411 (New) Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students.

Purpose:

In 2023, Wisconsin enacted Act 20 to strengthen early literacy efforts. As part of this law, school districts must implement a policy for promoting students from third to fourth grade, following the model provided by the Department of Public Instruction (DPI). Neola, with legal guidance, has developed a policy in compliance with Act 20 and the DPI model. While districts are required to adopt this policy by July 1, 2025, enforcement can be delayed until September 1, 2027. Adopting this new policy is required to maintain statutory compliance.

Attachments:

Draft Act 20 / Third Grade Promotion and Retention: At-Risk Students (Policy 5411 - NEW)